

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

DECEMBER 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on December 7, 2017 at 9:16 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room J.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyperson
Joyce Topshe	Public Member
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Members Absent:

George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present:

Craig Kazemekas, Homeowner
Patricia Beale, Homeowner
Ryan Tetreault, Department of Public Health
Sean Merrigan, Department of Public Health
Maura Esposito, Chesprocott Health District
Mary Creaser, Chesprocott Health District
Paulette Annon, DCP Staff Attorney
Leslie O'Brien, DCP Legislative Program Director

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board reviewed the October 12, 2017 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board draft minutes and voted to approve as written. (Frank DaCato abstained)

The Board reviewed the November 14, 2017 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board draft minutes and voted to approve with correction.
(Joyce Topsche abstained)

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER:

Jay More was sworn in as an Unlimited Journeyman Member of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board by Attorney Paulette Annon.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Continuing Education Curriculum for the 2018-2019 cycle

After a review of the curriculum, the Board voted unanimously to accept the 7-hour 2018-2019 Continuing Education Curriculum for P1/P2 license holders.

The Board reviewed and discussed a working draft copy of a document outlining subject matter for consideration for the 2020-2021 continuing education curriculum submitted by Frank DaCato.

2. Request for exemption to Well Drilling Laws due to hardship submitted by Craig Kazemekas for property located at 10 Cedar Ave., Wolcott, CT, as discussed at the November 14, 2017 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting. This request is pending review by the Raul Rodriguez, Assistant Attorney General.

The Board reviewed the response from Assistant Attorney General Raul Rodriguez dated December 1, 2017 regarding potential liability if the Board were to approve this request. Ryan Tetreault and Sean Merrigan from the Department of Public Health (DPH), as well as Mary Creaser and Maura Esposito from Chesprocott Health District were in attendance to discuss this request for exemption with the Board.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to allow a variance to drill a new well on the property located at 10 Cedar Ave., Wolcott, CT under the direction of the Acting Director of Health.

3. Review of continuing education evaluation forms

The Board reviewed completed continuing education evaluation forms.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for exemption to Well Drilling Laws due to hardship submitted by Patricia Beale and Richard Dickau for property located at 1414 Spindle Hill Rd., Wolcott, CT

Those present reviewed the request for hardship and related documentation. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to allow a variance to drill a new well on the property located at 1414 Spindle Hill Rd., Wolcott, CT under the direction of the Acting Director of Health.

2. Operational Streamlining of Payments and License Processing

Board so noted.

3. The Board will review Well Drilling Regulations for possible future changes that may be needed.

Discussion took place regarding the most effective way to resolve future homeowners' requests for exemptions to the well drilling laws with respect to the required 75 foot distance between the well and the septic system, such as the two properties in Wolcott that were voted on today.

Legislative Program Director O'Brien was present and took place in a discussion regarding the drafting of proposed changes to the well drilling regulations in order to resolve these issues going forward.

(The Board took a recess at 10:36 a.m.; the meeting reconvened at 10:50 a.m.)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the Governor's Office dated October 20, 2017 regarding appointment of John J. More to the Board

Board so noted

2. Letter from Secretary of the State's Office dated October 23, 2017 regarding appointment of John J. More to the Board.

Board so noted

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

1. 2017 Quarter 3 Complaint Report
2. List of common acronyms for complaint reports

After a review of these two documents, the Board requested that John Neumon appear at the next meeting for additional information.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- February 8
- April 12
- June 21
- August 9
- October 11
- December 13

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 a.m.